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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AMERICAN AIRLINES CAPACITY CHANGES

1. AMERICAN AIRLINES HAS INFORMED CAB OF SEASONAL SCHEDULE CHANGES TO TAKE PLACE IN ITS AIR SERVICE TO MEXICO EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 1974. ALTHOUGH CARRIER PROPOSES INCREASE OVER ITS SUMMER CAPACITY, IT PLANS TO OPERATE LESS CAPACITY THAN AUTHORIZED DURING LAST WINTER SEASON.

2. THESE ADJUSTMENTS, STATED IN TERMS OF CHANGES TO LAST WINTER'S AUTHORIZED SCHEDULE, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ON CHICAGO-MEXICO CITY/ACAPULCO SEGMENT OF ROUTE C AIRLINE PROPOSES TO SUBSTITUTE DC-10 FOR BOEING 747 ON DAILY CHICAGO-MEXICO CITY-ACAPULCO ROUNDTRIP, AND SUBSTITUTE BOEING 707 SIX DAYS A WEEK FOR DC-10 ON DAILY CHICAGO-MEXICO CITY ROUNDTRIP. DAILY DC-10 CHICAGO-ACAPULCO FLIGHT TO BE CONTINUED.

B. ON DALLAS/FT.WORTH-MEXICO CITY SEGMENT OF ROUTE C AIRLINE WISHES TO ADD AS OF DECEMBER 7, 1974 ONE EXTRA

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FLIGHT, SATURDAYS ONLY, USING BOEING 707. AIRLINE WOULD

CONTINUE TO OPERATE DAILY 707 AND DC-10 SERVICE.

C. ON DALLAS/FT.WORTH-ACAPULCO SEGMENT OF ROUTE C AIRLINE
PROPOSES TO SUBSTITUTE DC-10 FOR BOEING 707 ONE-STOP
FREQUENCY VIA MEXICO CITY.

3. USG HAS PRESCREENED PROPOSED CHANGES AND IS OF VIEW
THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLES 8, 9, AND 10 OF AGREE-
MENT. EMBASSY REQUESTED NOTIFY FONOFF ASAP IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PROCEDURES PARA 2 OF JULY 31, 1970 EXCHANGE OF
LETTERS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND SECRETARY OF COMMUNICATIONS
AND TRANSPORT. COORDINATE WITH AMERICAN AIRLINES LOCAL
REP REQUESTING SUBMISSIONS REVISED SCHEDULES TO DGAC.

4. FYI: AMERICAN REPORTS THAT FOR MONTHS OF DEC. 1973-
APRIL 1974 LOAD FACTORS ON ITS CHICAGO-MEXICO SERVICES
AVERAGED 60.0 PERCENT. AIRLINES' TRAFFIC IN MARKET LAST
WINTER INCREASED 13.9 PERCENT OVER PREVIOUS YEAR.
AMERICAN'S COMPETITION IN MARKET, MEXICANA, HAD 68.2
PERCENT AVERAGE LOAD FACTOR FOR DEC 73-APRIL 74 PERIOD.
TRAFFIC INCREASED 18.4 PERCENT OVER PREVIOUS YEAR.
AMERICAN AIRLINE FURTHER CLAIMS THAT ADVANCE SATURDAY
BOOKINGS IN DALLAS/FT.WORTH-MEXICO CITY MARKET ALREADY
TOTAL 75 PERCENT OF SEATS THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY
DC-10 AND 707 DAILY ROUNDTRIPS. ADDITIONAL BOOKINGS ARE
ANTICIPATED. AIRLINE STATES THAT IT WOULD BE UNABLE
TO ACCOMODATE DEMAND UNLESS IT OPERATES ADDITIONAL
SATURDAY FLIGHT. END FYI. KISSINGER

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